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Re:

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/762,559

Our Ref. No.: NGB.353

Dear Examiner Banks:

Attached herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2008. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

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STEEL FOR USE IN HIGH STRENGTH PINION SHAFT AND

MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Box AF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.